Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 4213, Tax Extenders Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$1321-\$1413

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3096–3103, and S. Con. Res. 53–54.

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Measures Reported:

S. 443, to transfer certain land to the United States to be held in trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, to place land into trust for the Hoh Indian Tribe, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 111–161)

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Measures Passed:

Tax Extenders Act: By 62 yeas to 36 nays (vote No. 48), Senate passed H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: Pages \$1338-40 Adopted:

Baucus Amendment No. 3336, in the nature of a substitute. Pages \$1338-39

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order under rule XXII, that the following amendments were not germane, and the amendments thus fell:

Baucus (for Webb/Boxer) Modified Amendment No. 3342 to (Amendment No. 3336), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on excessive 2009 bonuses received from certain major recipients of Federal emergency economic assistance, to limit the deduction allowable for such bonuses.

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Feingold/Coburn Amendment No. 3368 (to Amendment No. 3336), to provide for the rescission of unused transportation earmarks and to establish a general reporting requirement for any unused earmarks.

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McCain/Graham Amendment No. 3427 (to Amendment No. 3336), to prohibit the use of reconciliation to consider changes in Medicare.

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By 66 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 47), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill.

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American Sail Training Association: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 158, to commend the American Sail Training Association for advancing international goodwill and character building under sail, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: Page S1409

Dorgan (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3459, to amend the resolving clause. Page \$1409

Dorgan (for Kerry) Amendment No. 3460, to amend the preamble. Page \$1409

Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act: Senate passed S. 1067, to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's Resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation, and transitional justice, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Dorgan (for Feingold) Amendment No. 3461, to express the sense of Congress regarding the funding of activities under this Act. Pages \$1411-12

Measures Considered:

Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1586, to impose an additional tax on

bonuses received from certain TARP recipients, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Rockefeller Amendment No. 3452, in the nature of a substitute. Pages \$1340-52

Sessions/McCaskill Amendment No. 3453 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reduce the deficit by establishing discretionary spending caps.

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Lieberman Amendment No. 3456 (to Amendment No. 3452), to reauthorize the DC opportunity scholarship program.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

Pages S1412–13

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared on March 15, 1995, with respect to Iran; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–49)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Genevieve Lynn May, of Louisiana, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana for the term of four years.

Sandford Blitz, of Maine, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Northern Border Regional Commission.

Walter Crawford Jones, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of two years.

Leocadia Irine Zak, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

Earl F. Gohl, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be Federal Cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Scott H. DeLisi, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal.

Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

Kathleen S. Tighe, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Education.

Ian C. Kelly, of Maryland, to be U. S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Douglas A. Rediker, of Massachusetts, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Brooke D. Anderson, of California, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during her tenure of service as Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Rosemary Anne DiCarlo, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Larry Persily, of Alaska, to be Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects for the term prescribed by law.

Donald E. Booth, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

William Joseph Hochul, Jr., of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

Sally Quillian Yates, of Georgia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia for the term of four years.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mimi E. Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Elizabeth A. McGrath, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense.

Raymond Joseph Lohier, Jr., of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit.

Kathleen M. O'Malley, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

Catherine C. Eagles, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

John J. McConnell, Jr., of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Kimberly J. Mueller, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Cali-

Thomas Edward Delahanty II, of Maine, to be United States Attorney for the District of Maine for the term of four years.

Wendy J. Olson, of Idaho, to be United States Attorney for the District of Idaho for the term of four years.

Cathy Jo Jones, of Ohio, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio for the term of four years.

- 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Coast Guard. Page S1413

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Privileges of the Floor: Page S1408

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—48) Page S1339

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 11, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1413.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, receiving testimony from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security and Administration, National Nuclear Security Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEALTH **PROGRAMS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense health programs, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Eric B. Schoomaker, Surgeon General of the United States Army, Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command (MEDCOM), Vice Admiral Adam M. Robinson, Jr., Medical Command, Surgeon General of the Navy, Lieutenant General Charles B. Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force, Major General Patricia D. Horoho, Chief, United States Army Nurse Corps, Rear Admiral Karen A. Flaherty, Director, Navy Nurse Corps, and Major General Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Nursing Services, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded a hearing to examine U.S. government efforts to counter violent extremism, after receiving testimony from Daniel Benjamin, Ambassador-at-Large, Counterterrorism, Department of State; Garry Reid, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism, and Lieutenant General Francis H. Kearney III, USA, Deputy Commander, United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), both of the Department of Defense; Doug Stone, Transportation Networks International, Placerville, California; Scott Atran, ARTIS Research and Risk Modeling, New York, New York; and James J.F. Forest, United States Military Academy Combating Terrorism Center, West Point, New York.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Active, Guard, Reserve, and civilian personnel programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Thomas R. Lamont, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Juan M. Garcia III, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, and Daniel B. Ginsberg, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, all of the Department of Defense; and Master Chief Joseph L. Barnes, USN (Ret.), Fleet Reserve Association, Colonel Steven P. Strobridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Master Sergeant Michael Cline, USA (Ret.), Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Kathleen B. Moakler, National Military Family Association, and Deirdre Parke Holleman, Retired Enlisted Association, all of Alexandria, Virginia.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine the military space programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Gary E. Payton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs, Gary A. Federici, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence and Space, General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, and Lieutenant General Larry D. James, Commander, 14th Air Force, and Commander, Joint Functional Component Command for Space, United States Strategic Command, both of the Air Force Space Command, and Vice Admiral David J. Dorsett, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance (N2/N6), and Director of Naval Intelligence, all of the Department of Defense; and Cristina T. Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

ADVANCING AMERICAN INNOVATION AND COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advancing American innovation and competitiveness, after receiving testimony from John P. Holdren, Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President; Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director, National Science Foundation; Patrick D. Gallagher, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce; and Robert D. Braun, Chief Technologist, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1696, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study of video game console energy efficiency, S. 2908, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to require the Secretary of Energy to publish a final rule that establishes a uniform efficiency descriptor and accompanying test methods for covered water heaters, S. 3059, to improve energy efficiency of appliances, lighting, and buildings, and S. 3054, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to establish efficiency standards for bottle-type water dispensers, commercial hot food holding cabinets, and portable electric spas, after receiving testimony from Kathleen Hogan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Steven Nadel, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, and Joseph M. McGuire, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, both of Washington, D.C.; Stephen Yurek, Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute, Arlington, Virginia; and Kyle Pitsor, National Electrical Manufacturers Association, Rosslyn, Virginia.

FOREST PROTECTION BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 2895, to restore forest landscapes, protect old growth forests, and manage national forests in the eastside forests of the State of Oregon, S. 2907, to establish a coordinated avalanche protection program, S. 2966 and H.R. 4474, bills to authorize the continued use of certain water diversions located on National Forest System land in the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness in the State of Idaho, and S. 2791 and H.R. 3759, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant market-related contract extensions of certain timber contracts between the Secretary of the Interior and timber purchasers, after receiving testimony from Harris Sherman, Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment; Edwin Roberson, Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Andy Kerr, Oregon Wild, Washington, D.C.; John Shelk, Ochoco Lumber Company, Prineville, Oregon; K. Norman Johnson, College of Forestry, Corvallis, and Stephen A. Fitzgerald, Redmond, both of Oregon State University; and Larry Blasing, Grant County Public Forest Commission, Prairie City, Oregon.

GLOBAL HEALTH

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new directions in global health, after receiving testimony from former President William Jefferson Clinton, William J. Clinton Foundation, New York, New York; and William H. Gates, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, Washington.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine the future of U.S. public diplomacy, after receiving testimony from Evelyn S. Lieberman, Director of Communications, Smithsonian Institution, Karen Hughes, and James K. Glassman, all former Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, and Judith McHale, Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, all of the Department of State.

CHRISTMAS DAY ATTACK

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on watchlisting and pre-screening, after receiving testimony from Russell Travers, Deputy Director for Information Sharing and Knowledge Development, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Timothy J. Healy, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Gale D. Rossides, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and David V. Aguilar, Acting Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Patrick K. Nakamura, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Gwendolyn E. Boyd, of Maryland, and Peggy Goldwater-Clay, of California, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, and Sharon L. Browne, of California, Charles Norman Wiltse Keckler, of Virginia, and Victor B. Maddox, of Kentucky, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, and Gary Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, Chester Alonzo Finn, of New York, Sara A. Gelser, of Oregon, Ari Ne'eman, of Maryland, Dongwoo Joseph Pak, of California, Carol Jean Reynolds, of Colorado, Fernando Torres-Gill, of California, and Jonathan M. Young, of Maryland, all to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

CORPORATE SPENDING IN AMERICAN ELECTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine corporate spending in American elections after Citizens United, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Rosen, George Washington University Law School, and Douglas T. Kendall, Constitutional Accountability Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Bradley A. Smith, Center for Competitive Politics, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gary Scott Feinerman, and Sharon Johnson Coleman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who were both introduced by Senator Durbin, and William Joseph Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who was introduced by Senators Bennet and Udall (CO), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4800–4819; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1155–1161, were introduced. **Pages H1322–23**

Additional Cosponsors: Page H1324

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Slaughter to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Providing authority to compensate Federal employees for the 2-day period in which authority to make expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund *lapsed:* H.R. 4786, to provide authority to compensate Federal employees for the 2-day period in which authority to make expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund lapsed; Pages H1226–28

Commemorating the 45th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the role that it played in ensuring the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965: H. Con. Res. 249, to commemorate the 45th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the role that it played in ensuring the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 99; Pages H1228-32, H1286

Supporting the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: H. Res. 1081, to support the goals and ideals of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month; Pages H1232-34

Honoring the life of John H. "Jack" Ruffin, Jr.: H. Res. 1087, to honor the life of John H. "Jack" Ruffin, Jr.; Pages H1234-35

Expressing appreciation for the profound dedication and public service of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his death: H. Res. 1115, to express appreciation for the profound dedication and public service of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena on the 25th anniversary of his death;

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Honoring the heroic actions of Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper and Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner: H. Res. 1061, to honor the heroic actions of Court Security Officer Stanley Cooper, Deputy United States Marshal Richard J. "Joe" Gardner, the law enforcement officers of the United States Marshals Service and Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and the Court Security Officers in responding to the armed assault at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse on January 4, 2010;

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Accelerating the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile: H.R. 4783, to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Chile, and to extend the period from which such contributions for the relief of victims of the earthquake in Haiti may be accelerated; and

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Debt Relief for Earthquake Recovery in Haiti Act of 2010: H.R. 4573, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the United States Executive Directors at the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and other multilateral development institutions to use the voice, vote, and influence of the

United States to cancel immediately and completely Haiti's debts to such institutions. Pages H1288–95

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To urge the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the United States Executive Directors at the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and other multilateral development institutions to use the voice, vote, and influence of the United States to cancel immediately and completely Haiti's debts to such institutions, and for other purposes."

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Tuesday, March 9th:

Recognizing the plight of people with albinism in East Africa and condemning their murder and mutilation: H. Res. 1088, amended, to recognize the plight of people with albinism in East Africa and to condemn their murder and mutilation, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 96; Pages H1249–50

Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act: H.R. 4621, amended, to protect the integrity of the constitutionally-mandated United States census and prohibit deceptive mail practices that attempt to exploit the decennial census, by a ²/₃ yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 97; and Pages H1250-51

Expressing condolences to the families of the victims of the February 27, 2010, earthquake in Chile: H. Res. 1144, to express condolences to the families of the victims of the February 27, 2010, earthquake in Chile, as well as solidarity with and support for the people of Chile as they plan for recovery and reconstruction, by a ²/₃ recorded vote of 404 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 100. Page H1287

Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan: The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 248, to direct the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from Afghanistan, by a yea-and-nay vote of 65 yeas to 356 nays, Roll No. 98.

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H. Res. 1146, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 195 nays, Roll No. 95, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 2010: H.R. 4506, amended, to authorize the appointment of additional bankruptcy judges. Pages H1235–38

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 1156, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives: Committee on the Budget: Representative Moore (KS).

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the emergency declared with respect to Iran is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2010—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 111–97).

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1223.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1249, H1249–50, H1250–51, H1285–86, H1286, and H1287. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry held a hearing to review USDA's information technology systems. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Chris Smith, Chief Information Officer; and Jonathan Coppess, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; and public witnesses.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FDA. Testimony was heard from Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Economic Development Administration. Testimony was heard from John Fernandez, Assistant Secretary, Economic Development, Department of Commerce.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Air Force Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force, Michael Donley, Secretary; and GEN Norton A. Schwartz, Chief of Staff.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for DOE Nuclear Nonproliferation. Testimony was heard from Steven Black, Chief Operating Officer, Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, Department of Energy.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on FEMA—Preparing for Disasters and Minimizing Losses. Testimony was heard from Craig Fugate, Administrator, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Science for America's Lands, Water and Biota: U.S. Geological Survey Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request Testimony was heard from Marcia McNutt, Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing Reclaiming Abandoned Mines and Regulating Surface Coal Mining: Office of Surface Mining Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Joseph Pizarchik, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Labor Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Overview. Testimony was heard from Hilda Solis, Secretary of Labor.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 House of Representatives Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House of Representatives: Lorraine Miller, Clerk; Dan Beard, Chief Administrative Officer; and Bill Livingood, Sergeant-at-Arms.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs and Related Agencies held a hearing on Navy/Marine Corps Budget. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: ADM Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations; and GEN James T. Conway, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Sustainability in Practice. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on HUD and DOT's Sustainability and Livability Initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Roy Kienitz, Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Transportation; and Ron Sims, Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

EUROPEAN-AFRICA-JOINT FORCES COMMANDS BUDGETS

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 National Defense Authorization Budget Requests from U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command, and U.S. Joint Forces Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: ADM James G. Stavridis, USN, Commander, U.S. European Command; GEN William E. "Kip" Ward, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command; and GEN James N. Mattis, USMC, Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command.

ARMY ACQUISITION/ MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Army acquisition and modernization programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Robert Lennox, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army, G–8; LTG William N. Phillips, USA, Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army,

Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics; David M. Markowitz, Director, Capabilities Integration, Prioritization, and Analysis and Technical Advisor to the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G–3; and J. Michael Gilmore, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary; and Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing, GAO.

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COOPERATION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions, hearing on H.R. 413, Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from David S. Smith, Mayor, Lancaster, Ohio; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3125, amended, Radio Spectrum Inventory Act; H.R. 3019, Spectrum Relocation Improvement Act of 2009; and H.R. 1258, amended, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009.

DRUG SAFETY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Drug Safety: An Update from the FDA." Testimony was heard from Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Principal Deputy Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

MONEY SERVICE BUSINESSES REGULATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing entitled "Regulation of Money Service Businesses." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE AVAILABILITY/AFFORDABILITY

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a joint hearing entitled "Approaches to Mitigating and Managing Natural Catastrophe Risk: H.R. 2555, Homeowners' Defense Act." Testimony was heard from James Lee Witt, former Director, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

U.S. CYBERSPACE POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Held a hearing on The Google Predicament: Transforming U.S. Cyberspace Policy to Advance Democracy, Security, and Trade. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE AMERICAS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Policy Toward the Americas in 2010 and Beyond. Testimony was heard from Arturo Valenzuela, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Otto J. Reich, former Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL WORKER RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, and the Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights and Oversight held a joint hearing on International Worker Rights, U.S. Foreign Policy and the International Economy. Testimony was heard from Michael H. Posner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State; Sandra Polaski, Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

INDIAN TRUST ACCOUNT—CASE SETTLEMENT

Committee on Natural Resources: Held an oversight hearing on proposed settlement of the Corbell v. Salazar Litigation. Testimony was heard from David Hayes, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Interior; Thomas J. Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

EPA/NOAA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS

Committee on Science and Technology: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2011 Research and Development Budget Proposals and EPA and NOAA. Testimony was heard from Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator, Office of Research and Development, EPA; and Jane Lubchenco, Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

NSF BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on the National Science Foundation's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the NSF: Arden L. Bement, Jr., Director; and Steven C. Beering, Chair, National Science Board.

PENDING BUSINESS/VA RESTRUCTURING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Ordered reported the following: H.R. 3976, amended, Helping Heroes Keep Their Homes Act of 2009; H.R. 3948, amended, Test Prep for Heroes Act; H.R. 4592, amended, To provide for the establishment of a pilot program

to encourage the employment of veterans in energy-related positions; H.R. 1879, amended, National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2009; H.R. 4667, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2010; and the End Veteran Homeless Act of 2010.

The committee also held a hearing on Structuring the VA of the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

MIP AND SERVICE ELEMENTS BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on MIP and Service Elements Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

The Committee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Covert Action Budget for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLEAN ENERGY RECOVERY

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "The Clean Energy Recovery: Creating Jobs, Building New Industries and Saving Money." Testimony was heard from Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director, Department of Development, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 9 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for military construction for the Department of Defense, 1:30 p.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Joint Strike Fighter, 9 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine consumers, competition, and consolidation in the video and broadband market, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine legislative proposals designed to create jobs related to energy efficiency, including proposed legislation on energy efficient building retrofits, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine Federal, state and local partnerships to accelerate transportation benefits, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Elizabeth L. Littlefield, of the District of Columbia, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Carolyn Hessler Radelet, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Peace Corps, and Raul Yzaguirre, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, and Theodore Sedgwick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, both of the Department of State, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine pay equity in the new American workplace, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Ad Hoc Subcommittee on State, Local, and Private Sector Preparedness and Integration, to hold hearings to examine U.S. officials involved in drug cartels, 11 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1789, to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing, S. 2772, to establish a criminal justice reinvestment grant program to help States and local jurisdictions reduce spending on corrections, control growth in the prison and jail populations, and increase public safety, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 1765, to amend the Hate Crime Statistics Act to include crimes against the homeless, S. 148, to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act, and the nominations of Jane E. Magnus-Stinson, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, Josephine Staton Tucker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Mark A. Goldsmith, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Brian Anthony Jackson, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Louisiana, Elizabeth Erny Foote, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Marc T. Treadwell, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, and Kelvin Corneilius Washington, to be United States Marshal for the District of South Carolina, and Christopher Tobias Hove, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nevada, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, hearing to review U.S. agricultural sales to Cuba, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on Global Food Security, 1 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, on Navy and Marine Corps Posture, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Fiscal Year Budget for the SEC, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for ICE, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget for the Fish and Wildlife Services: Sustainable Conservation; Species, Partnerships and Science, 9:30 a.m., B–308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Overview; Jobs, Training and Education, 10 a.m., 2358C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Defense Budget Overview, 10 a.m., and on European Command, 1:30 p.m., H–143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, on Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on The Status of the Federal Housing Administration including the Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request, 10 a.m., 2358A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on Administration perspectives on managing the defense acquisition system and the defense acquisition workforce, 3 p.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing on Meeting the Challenges Faced by Girls in the Juvenile Justice System, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "NHTSA Oversight: The Road Ahead," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Corporate Governance after Citizens United," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The FHA Reform Act of 2010," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, hearing on U.S. Investments in HIV/AIDS: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Bad Company: Lashkar e-Tayyiba and the Growing Ambition of Islamist Militancy in Pakistan, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, hearing entitled "Visa Security and Passenger Pre-Screening Efforts in the Wake of Flight 253," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, hearing on Protecting the American Dream: A Look at the Fair Housing Act, 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands, hearing on H.R. 4289, Colorado Wilderness Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, oversight hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request for the Bureau of Reclamation and Water Resources Division of the United States Geological Survey (USGS), United States Department of the Interior, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Sub-committee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on A Review of Coast Guard Acquisition Programs and Policies, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on VA's Center for Veteran Enterprise, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Role in Providing Assistance to Struggling Families, 10 a.m., B–318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on NIP & MIP Overview for Fiscal Year 2011, 9:30 a.m., 304–HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 10 a.m., Thursday, March 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond one hour), Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 1586, Tax on Bonuses Received From Certain TARP Recipients.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H. Res. 1031—Impeaching G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

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